

DATE: October 15, 1979

THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE ACADEMIC COMMUNITY
IN THE SEARCH FOR ABSOLUTE VALUES
November 22-25, 1979
Century Plaza Hotel - Los Angeles

Chairman: Eugene P. Wigner
Professor of Physics Emeritus
Princeton University, USA

Vice-Chairman: Sir John Eccles
Distinguished Professor Emeritus
State University of New York at
at Buffalo, USA/Switzerland

Vice-Chairman: Frederick Seitz
Past President
The Rockefeller University and
The National Academy of Science, USA

AGENDA

22 NOVEMBER	2:00 PM	Thanksgiving Dinner and Orientation
THURSDAY		
	7:30 PM	Reception
23 NOVEMBER	7:45 AM	Breakfast
FRIDAY		
	9:00 AM	Opening Plenary Session
	10:15 AM	Break
	11:00 AM	Committees Meet - Groups A
	1:00 PM	Luncheon
	3:00 PM	Committees Meet - Groups B
	5:00 PM	Break
	5:30 PM	Committees Continue - Groups B
	7:00 PM	Dinner
	8:15 PM	Voluntary Discussion - Committee Chairmen each chair a voluntary joint discussion of their respective Groups A & B after a brief report from Group A & B Chairmen.
	9:30 PM	Break

AGENDA

24 NOVEMBER	7:45 AM	Breakfast
SATURDAY		
	9:00 AM	Committees Meet - Groups C
	10:30 AM	Break
	11:15 AM	Committees Continue - Groups C
	12:30 PM	Luncheon
	2:30 PM	Committees Meet - Groups D
	4:30 PM	Break
	5:15 PM	Committees Continue - Groups D
	6:30 PM	Dinner
	7:45 PM	Voluntary Discussion - Committee Chairmen each chair a voluntary joint discussion of their respective Groups C & D after a brief report from Group C & D Chairmen.
	9:00 PM	Break
25 NOVEMBER	8:45 AM	Breakfast
SUNDAY		
	10:00 AM	Multidisciplinary Discussion Groups
	1:30 PM	Lunch
	3:00 PM	Closing Plenary Session
	4:30 PM	Break
	7:00 PM	Farewell Banquet and Entertainment
	9:30 PM	Close
26 NOVEMBER	7:30 AM	Breakfast
MONDAY		

*Tentative

COMMITTEE I
VALUES AND CONSCIOUSNESS
Walter Kaufmann
Professor of Philosophy
Princeton University, USA

GROUP A: CAN VALUES BE ABSOLUTE?

Chairman: W.W. Bartley III
Professor of Philosophy, California
State University at Hayward, USA

#1: In what Sense can Values be Absolute?

SPEAKER:
Jaakko Hintikka
Professor of Philosophy
Stanford University, California, and
The Florida State University, Tallahassee, and at
Academy of Finland, USA/Finland

COMMENTATOR:
Laurence Briskman
Lecturer in Philosophy
University of Edinburgh, Scotland

#2: Being Human Implies Absolute Values

SPEAKER:
Tom Settle
Professor of Philosophy and Dean
College of Arts, University of Guelph
Ontario, Canada

COMMENTATOR:
I.C. Jarvie
Professor of Philosophy
York University, Downsview, Ontario, Canada

#3: On the Making and Breaking of Traditions in Art

SPEAKER:
Ben-Ami Scharfstein
Professor and Chairman, Department of Philosophy
University of Tel Aviv, Israel

COMMENTATOR:
Merrill Provence
Associate Professor of Philosophy
The Florida State University, Tallahassee, USA

COMMENTATOR:
Paul Levinson
Assistant Professor of Communications
Fairleigh Dickinson University, Pennsylvania, USA

COMMITTEE I

GROUP B: HUMANITIES VS. SOCIAL SCIENCES

Chairman: Paul Kurtz
Professor of Philosophy
State University of New York
at Buffalo, USA

#1: Humanism Versus Social Science?

SPEAKER:
J.W.N. Watkins
Professor of Philosophy, The London School of
Economics and Political Science, United Kingdom

COMMENTATOR:
To Be Announced

#2:

TENTATIVE SPEAKER:
Peter Munz
Professor of History, Victoria University of
Wellington, New Zealand

TENTATIVE COMMENTATOR:
Khushwant Singh
Editor, ILLUSTRATED WEEKLY OF INDIA
Bombay, India

#3:

TENTATIVE SPEAKER:
Melford E. Spiro
Professor of Anthropology, University of
California at San Diego, USA

COMMENTATOR:
To Be Announced

COMMITTEE I

GROUP C: BRAIN, FREEDOM AND RESPONSIBILITY

Chairman: Karl H. Pribram
Professor of Neuroscience
Stanford University, California, USA

#1: Transmaterial Values within the Brain

SPEAKER:
José M.R. Delgado
Director, Department of Investigation
Ramon Y Cajal Center, Madrid, Spain

COMMENTATOR:
Sanford L. Palay
Bullard Professor of Neuroanatomy
Harvard Medical School, Cambridge
Massachusetts, USA

#2:

SPEAKER:
Sir John Eccles

COMMENTATOR:
Holger Hydén
Institute of Neurobiology
University of Göteborg, Sweden

#3:

SPEAKER:
Karl H. Pribram

COMMENTATOR:
Franz Seitelberger
Director, Neurological Institute
University of Vienna, Austria

DISCUSSANT: R.J. Zwi Werblowsky
Professor of Religion
The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel

COMMITTEE I

GROUP D: WHAT IS HAPPINESS?

Chairman: Ivan Soll
Professor of Philosophy
University of Wisconsin at Madison, USA

#1: Psychological Hedonism

TENTATIVE SPEAKER:
Hector-Neri Castaneda
The Mahlon Powell Professor of Philosophy and
Dean of Latino Affairs, Indiana University
Bloomington, USA

COMMENTATOR:
To Be Announced

#2:

TENTATIVE SPEAKER:
John Wilcox
Professor of Philosophy
State University of New York
at Binghamton, USA

COMMENTATOR:
To Be Announced

#3: What is Happiness?

TENTATIVE SPEAKER:
Ninian Smart
Professor of Religious Studies
University of California at Santa Barbara; and at
Furness College, University of Lancaster
USA/United Kingdom

COMMENTATOR:
To Be Announced

COMMITTEE II
CHANGE AND DEVELOPMENT

Morton A. Kaplan
Professor of Political Science and Chairman
Committee on International Relations
University of Chicago, Illinois, USA

GROUP A: DEVELOPMENT OF CIVILIZATION
AND THE CHANGING SELF-CONCEPTION OF MAN

Chairman: Gerard Radnitzky
Professor of Philosophy
University of Trier, West Germany

GENERAL INTRODUCTION: Morton A. Kaplan

#1: Historical Aspects of the Development of Civilization

SPEAKER:
Alistair Taylor
Professor of Political Science and Geography
Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario, Canada

COMMENTATOR:
John King-Farlow
Professor of Philosophy
University of Alberta, Edmonton, Canada

#2: Is the Scientific Enterprise Self-Refuting?

SPEAKER:
Anthony Flew
Professor of Philosophy
University of Reading, United Kingdom

COMMENTATOR:
Kenneth R. Minogue
Professor of Political Science, The London School
of Economics and Political Science, United Kingdom

COMMENTATOR:
Peter Graf Kielmansegg
Professor of Politics
University of Cologne, West Germany

#3: Influence of Ethology upon the Current Self-Image of Man

TENTATIVE SPEAKER:
John R. Searle
Professor of Philosophy, University of California
at Berkeley, USA

COMMENTATOR:
Erich Jantsch
Professor of Philosophy, University of California
at Berkeley, USA

COMMITTEE II

GROUP B: LANGUAGE, TRADITION AND CROSS-CULTURAL VALUES

Chairman: Roger W. Wescott
Professor of Anthropology and
Linguistics, Drew University
Madison, New Jersey, USA

#1: English as the World Language: Problems and
Perspectives

SPEAKER:
Richey Novak
Executive Director, International Educational
Consultants, San Francisco, California, USA

COMMENTATOR:
Adam Makkai
Director, Linguistic Association of Canada and
the United States, Lake Bluff, Illinois, USA

TENTATIVE COMMENTATOR:
Hyun Bok Lee
Professor of Linguistics
Seoul National University, Korea

#2: Anthropologists and the Rise of a Global Civilization

SPEAKER:
Elliott P. Skinner
Franz Boas Professor of Anthropology
Columbia University, New York City, USA

COMMENTATOR:
Edwin Terry Prothro
Director, Center for Behavioral Research
American University of Beirut, Lebanon/USA

#3: Appropriating Tradition

SPEAKER:
Jude P. Dougherty
Dean, School of Philosophy
The Catholic University of America
Washington, D.C., USA

TENTATIVE COMMENTATOR:
Aleksis Rannit
Professor of Russian and East European Studies
Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut, USA

COMMITTEE II

GROUP C: COMPARATIVE PHILOSOPHIES OF CHANGE

Chairman: Seyyed Hossein Nasr
Professor of Religion
Temple University, Philadelphia
Pennsylvania, USA

#1: Change in a Metaphysical Perspective

SPEAKER:
Elémire Zolla
University of Rome, Italy

TENTATIVE COMMENTATOR:
Archie J. Bahm
Professor of Philosophy Emeritus
University of New Mexico at Albuquerque, USA

#2:

TENTATIVE SPEAKER:
Yusuf Ibish
The American University in Beirut, Lebanon

TENTATIVE COMMENTATOR:
Bijan Aalami
Associate Professor of Engineering Mechanics and
Vice Chancellor for Research and Relation with
Industry, University of Technology, Tehran, Iran

#3:

SPEAKER:
Joseph E. Brown
Professor of Religion
University of Montana, Missoula, USA

TENTATIVE COMMENTATOR:
Kwame Gyekye
Professor of Philosophy
University of Ghana, Legon

COMMITTEE II

GROUP D: RESOURCES AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Chairman: Francis A. Botchway
Professor of Political Science and
International Law
University of Cincinnati, Ohio, USA

#1:

SPEAKER:
Robert U. Ayres
Professor of Engineering and Public Policy
Carnegie-Mellon University, Pittsburgh
Pennsylvania, USA

TENTATIVE COMMENTATOR:
Kamel Abu Jaber
Dean, Faculty of Economics and Commerce
University of Jordan, Amman

#2:

SPEAKER:
Garrett Scalera
Tokyo, Japan

TENTATIVE COMMENTATOR:
Ampah Johnson
Chancellor
University of Benin, Lome, Togo

#3:

SPEAKER:
Ali A. Mazrui
Professor of Political Science and Director
Center for Afroamerican and African Studies
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, USA

TENTATIVE COMMENTATOR:
Alvaro Donoso
National Sub-Director
Office of National Resources
Santiago, Chile

COMMITTEE III
POPULATION AND QUALITY OF LIFE
Aurelio Peccei
Founder and President
The Club of Rome, Italy

GROUP A: HOW DOES MATERIAL WELL-BEING AFFECT "HAPPINESS"?

Chairman: Elizabeth Dodson Gray
Bolton Institute for a Sustainable
Future, Wellesley, Massachusetts, USA

#1: How Does Material Well-Being Affect "Happiness"?

SPEAKER:
Sir Hans Krebs
Metabolic Research Laboratory
Radcliffe Infirmary, Oxford, United Kingdom

TENTATIVE COMMENTATOR:
Donald N. Michael
Director, Center for Research on Utilization of
Scientific Knowledge, University of Michigan
Ann Arbor, USA

#2:

SPEAKER:
Anitra Thorhaug
Professor of Biological Sciences
Florida International University, Miami, USA

TENTATIVE COMMENTATOR:
Beatrice Willard
Ecologist, Colorado School of Mines
Golden, USA

#3:

TENTATIVE SPEAKER:
Ignacio Castuera
Adjunct Professor of Theology
Claremont University, California, USA

TENTATIVE COMMENTATOR:
M.L. Dewan
Chief, Development Department
Regional Bureau for Asia and Far East
United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization
Rome, Italy

COMMITTEE III

GROUP B: TOMORROW'S WORLD POPULATION TRENDS

Chairman: George J. Stolnitz
Professor of Economics
Indiana University, Bloomington, USA

#1: World Population Trends

SPEAKER:
To Be Announced

COMMENTATOR:
To Be Announced

#2: Historical and Regional Contrasts

SPEAKER:
To Be Announced

COMMENTATOR:
To Be Announced

#3: Ethical Dimensions of World Population Trends

SPEAKER:
Richard L. Rubenstein
Distinguished Professor of Religion
The Florida State University, Tallahassee, USA

COMMENTATOR:
To Be Announced

COMMITTEE III

GROUP C: HEALTH SYSTEMS AND POPULATION CONTROL

Chairman: Edward O. Pratt
Population Specialist, The World Bank
Washington, D.C., USA

#1:

TENTATIVE SPEAKER:
Jack Elinson
Vice President and President-elect, American
Association for Public Opinion Research
Teaneck, New Jersey, USA

COMMENTATOR:
To Be Announced

#2:

TENTATIVE SPEAKER:
C.O. Akerele
Coordinator for Tanzania, World Health Organization
Dar es Salaam, Tanzania/Nigeria

COMMENTATOR:
To Be Announced

#3:

TENTATIVE SPEAKER:
Gervin Samarawickrama
Professor of Community Medicine
University of Sri Lanka, Peradeniya

COMMENTATOR:
To Be Announced

COMMITTEE III

GROUP D: CONSEQUENCES OF WORLD POPULATION GROWTH

Chairman: S. Fred Singer
Professor of Environmental Sciences
University of Virginia
Charlottesville, USA

#1: Natural Resources and Environment

TENTATIVE SPEAKER:
Dieter Altenpohl
Director, Alusuisse, Zurich, Switzerland

TENTATIVE COMMENTATOR:
A. Melamed
Head, Tushia Engineering Company, Givatayam, Israel

COMMENTATOR:
Ervin Y. Galantay
Professor of Urban Planning, Ecole Polytechnique
Federale de Lausanne, Switzerland

#2: Labor, Migration, International Trade

SPEAKER:
Paul Demeny
Director, Policy Studies, The Population Council
New York City, USA

COMMENTATOR:
Chong-Yah Lim
Head, Department of Economics and Statistics
University of Singapore

COMMENTATOR:
Abdel Karim Aly Elahwal
Visiting Professor of Sociology
Riyad University, Saudi Arabia/Egypt

#3: Mechanisms for Mediation

SPEAKER:
John G. Stoessinger
Professor of Political Science, Hunter College
City University of New York, USA

COMMENTATOR:
Jared Hazleton
Associate Dean, Lyndon Baines Johnson School of
Public Affairs, University of Texas at Austin, USA

COMMITTEE IV
VISION AND DIRECTION OF THE FUTURE
Frederick Seitz
Past President
The Rockefeller University and
The National Academy of Science, USA

GROUP A: TECHNOLOGY AND HUMAN VALUES

Chairman: Frederick Ferré
Charles A. Dana Professor of Philosophy
Dickinson College, Carlisle
Pennsylvania, USA

#1: Hope through Post-Modern Technology

SPEAKER:
W. David Lewis
Professor of History
Auburn University, Alabama, USA

COMMENTATOR:
Hans-Martin Sass
Professor of Philosophy
Ruhr University at Bochum, West Germany

COMMENTATOR:
Willis Harman
Director, The Educational Policy Research Center
Stanford Research Institute, Menlo Park
California, USA

#2: A Theological Critique of "Hope through Technology" •

SPEAKER:
Gabriel Vahanian
Jeannette K. Watson Professor of Religion
University of Syracuse, Strasbourg, France

COMMENTATOR:
Arthur Parsons
Assistant Professor of Sociology and Anthropology
Smith College, Northampton, Massachusetts, USA

COMMITTEE IV

GROUP B: SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY POLICIES FOR DEVELOPING NATIONS

Chairman: Alexander King
Chairman, International Federation of
Institutes for Advanced Study
Paris, France

#1: Science and Technology for Developing Nations
A Search for Answers

SPEAKER:
Maurice Goldsmith
Director, Science Policy Foundation
London, United Kingdom

COMMENTATOR:
To Be Announced

#2:

TENTATIVE SPEAKER:
Guido Pincheira
Director of Research
University of Chile, Santiago

COMMENTATOR:
To Be Announced

#3:

TENTATIVE SPEAKER:
Aklilu Lemma
Principal Scientific Coordinator
United Nations, New York City, USA/ETHIOPIA

COMMENTATOR:
To Be Announced

COMMITTEE IV

GROUP C: FRONTIERS OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Chairman: Alvin M. Weinberg
Director, Institute for Energy Analysis
Oak Ridge, Tennessee, USA

#1: Frontiers of Science and Technology
(Vision and Direction of the Future)

SPEAKER:
Adam Schaff
President, European Coordination Center for
Research and Documentation on Social Sciences
Vienna, Austria

COMMENTATOR:
To Be Announced

#2:

SPEAKER:
To Be Announced

COMMENTATOR:
To Be Announced

#3:

SPEAKER:
To Be Announced

COMMENTATOR:
To Be Announced

COMMITTEE IV

GROUP D: A LOOK AT THE 1990'S - WHAT DOES THE FUTURE HOLD?

Chairman: Pierre Piganiol
President, LES FUTURIBLES;
President, Commission Methods du Plan-
Constriction, Paris, France

#1: Socialism and Capitalism - Values or Instruments?
A Question of Human Survival

SPEAKER:
Abba P. Lerner
Professor of Economics
The Florida State University, Tallahassee, USA

COMMENTATOR:
To Be Announced

#2: Uncertainties of the 1990's

SPEAKER:
Alexander Szalai
Professor of Sociology
Karl Marx University of Economic Studies
Budapest, Hungary

COMMENTATOR:
To Be Announced

#3:

SPEAKER:
Ervin Laszlo
Director of Research, UNITAR
New York City, USA

COMMENTATOR:
To Be Announced

SUNDAY TOPIC #1
IS THERE LIFE AFTER DEATH?

Tentative Moderator: Eileen V. Barker
Professor of Sociology, The London
School of Economics and Political
Science, United Kingdom

#1: SPEAKER:
Paul Kurtz
Professor of Philosophy
State University of New York at Buffalo, USA

#2: TENTATIVE SPEAKER:
Mael A. Melvin
Professor of Physics, Temple University
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA

#3: SPEAKER:
Milan Ryzl
Lecturer in Parapsychology
San Jose, California, USA

SUNDAY TOPIC #2
PRESERVATION OF CULTURE: WHAT ARE THE LIMITS?

Tentative Moderator: René Berger
Director-Curator, Museum of Fine Arts
Lausanne, Switzerland

#1: SPEAKER:
Guerin C. Montilus
Assistant Professor of Humanities
Wayne State University, Detroit, Michigan, USA

#2: SPEAKER:
Panos D. Bardis
Professor of Sociology
University of Toledo, Ohio, USA

#3: TENTATIVE SPEAKER:
Mohammed Fadhel Jamali
Professor of Educational Philosophy
University of Tunis, Tunisia

SUNDAY TOPIC #3
WHAT ARE THE VALUES IMPLICIT IN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT?

Moderator: C. Lowell Harriss
Professor of Economics
Columbia University, USA

#1: SPEAKER:
Kasim Gulek
Ankara, Turkey

#2: TENTATIVE SPEAKER:
Andres Sanfuentes
Chairman, Economics Department
University of Chile, Santiago

#3: TENTATIVE SPEAKER:
André Piatier
Professor, Université de Droit D'Economie et de
Sciences Sociales de Paris, France

SUNDAY TOPIC #4
NORMALIZATION OF VIOLENCE THROUGH MASS COMMUNICATION

Moderator: Daniel Lerner
Ford Professor of Sociology and
International Communications
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Cambridge, USA

#1: SPEAKER:
Henry O. Hart
Director, Audience and Public Opinion Research
Department, Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty, Inc.
Munich, West Germany/USA

#2: SPEAKER:
Karl-Georg Graf von Stackelberg
Chairman, Internationale Marktforschung und
Sozialforschung, Munich, West Germany

#3: SPEAKER:
Walter Laqueur
Director, Institute of Contemporary History and
Wiener Library, London, United Kingdom

GENERAL DISCUSSANT: Franco Ferracuti
Professor of Criminological Medicine
and Forensic Psychiatry
The University of Rome, Italy

SUNDAY TOPIC #5
DO THE RAPIDLY IMPROVING METHODS OF CREATING WEALTH
DEMAND A CHANGE IN THE STRUCTURE OF SOCIETY?

Moderator: Nicholas Kurti
Emeritus Professor of Physics
University of Oxford, United Kingdom

#1:

SPEAKER:
D.T.N. Williamson
Engineering and Director, Retired
Rank Xerox, Limited, United Kingdom/Italy

#2:

SPEAKER:
To Be Announced

#3:

SPEAKER:
To Be Announced

SUNDAY TOPIC #6
HUMAN KNOWLEDGE AND SCIENTIFIC MODELS

Tentative Moderator: Tor Ragnar Gerholm
Professor of Physics
Institute of Physics
University of Stockholm, Sweden

#1:

SPEAKER:
Herman Wold
Professor of Statistics
University of Uppsala, Sweden

#2:

SPEAKER:
Alexandre Marc
Founder and Permanent Delegate, International
Center of European Education, Nice, France

#3:

SPEAKER:
To Be Announced

SUNDAY TOPIC #7
SOCIOBIOLOGY AND VALUE SYSTEMS

Tentative Moderator: J.W.S. Pringle
Linacre Professor of Zoology
University of Oxford, United Kingdom

#1:

TENTATIVE SPEAKER:
Paul Shepard
Avery Professor of Human Ecology
Pitzer College, Claremont, California, USA

#2:

TENTATIVE SPEAKER:
M.R.A. Chance
Professor of Ethology, Uffculme Clinic
University of Birmingham, United Kingdom

#3

SPEAKER:
To Be Announced

SUNDAY TOPIC #8
THE BECOMING OF A HUMAN PERSON: MOTHER-CHILD RELATIONS
IN THE FIRST YEAR OF LIFE

Tentative Moderator: Koentjaraningrat
Professor and Head
Department of Anthropology
University of Indonesia, Djakarta

#1: The Becoming of a Person: Mother-Child Relations in
the First Year of Life

SPEAKER:
Colwyn Trevarthen
Professor of Psychology
University of Edinburgh, Scotland

#2:

SPEAKER:
Diane McGuinness
Lecturer in Psychology, University of California
at Santa Cruz, USA

#3:

TENTATIVE SPEAKER:
William Maxwell
University of the South Pacific, Suva, Fiji

SUNDAY TOPIC #9
MAN'S PLACE IN THE WORLD ECO-SYSTEM

Moderator: Kenneth Mellanby
Director Emeritus
Monk's Wood Experimental Station
Huntingdon, United Kingdom

#1: The Relationship between Man and the Rest of the
Creation

SPEAKER:
Kenneth Mellanby

#2:

SPEAKER:
Anthony V.S. de Reuck
Head of International Relations Studies
Department of Linguistics and International Study
University of Surrey, United Kingdom

SUNDAY TOPIC #10
PROSPECTS FOR REDUCING WORLD HUNGER

Tentative Moderator: Shri M.S. Pawar
Food Specialist
Moral Re-Armament Centre
Panchgani, India

#1: Assessment of Immediate and Forseeable Problem Areas

TENTATIVE SPEAKER:
P.V. Sukhatme
Professor of Biometry, Maharashtra Association for
the Cultivation of Science, Poona, India

#2: The Oceans as Food Source for the World

TENTATIVE SPEAKER:
Milton G. Johnson
Economist and Chief, Special Studies Staff
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
Rockville, Maryland, USA

#3: Economic Dimensions of World Hunger

TENTATIVE SPEAKER:
D.R. Denman
Professor of Land Economy
University of Cambridge
United Kingdom